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Fahd inspects army hospital



INSPECTS: Crown Prince Fahd shakes hands with doctors during his tour of the armed forces hospital Wednesday.

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA)—Crown Prince Fahd Wednesday inspected the armed forces hospital and club here accompanied by Defense Minister Prince Sultan and the Chief of Staff General Oth-

man Al-Hamid.

Prince Fahd toured various departments in the hospital which was recently completed. The hospital is described as one of the finest in the world.

The crown prince also visited the armed forces club where he had dinner with officers of the armed forces, the National Guard and public security.

Peace talks resume this month in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Agencies)—Middle East peace negotiations between Egypt and Israel will resume in Washington in mid-January, an Israeli diplomat disclosed Wednesday.

The senior diplomat, who spoke to reporters with the understanding that he would not be further identified, said: "Details and the exact date are still being worked out, but Israel has agreed to send its negotiating team back to Washington at a time proposed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Vance, according to the official, has cleared his calendar in mid-January to resume his role as mediator in the talks, which broke off in November.

The talks will probably take place at the ministerial level during a December meeting in Brussels with Vance. A spokesman for Vance said he could not confirm the report.

The Israeli team would be headed once more by Foreign

Minister Moshe Dayan and the Egyptians are expected to be headed by Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil.

Earlier Wednesday, Khalil said Egypt is prepared to resume efforts toward a peace treaty with Israel.

Khalil said these efforts could include direct Egyptian-Israeli negotiations "at a later stage." But he suggested as a more immediate possibility a meeting between him and Vance or a trilateral meeting with Dayan.

Khalil spoke to reporters at the end of a six-hour cabinet session that debated Egypt's position in the deadlocked peace talks.

A cabinet statement affirmed the Egyptian call for a timetable linking the proposed treaty to the establishment of Palestinian autonomy in the Jordan West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The cabinet, moreover, insisted the treaty should not sup-

Meeting reports improvement in Lebanon security situation

BEIRUT, Jan. 3 (Agencies)—Lebanese and Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) authorities said Wednesday the security situation in the country had improved recently.

Immediate measures will be taken to complete the removal of the remaining armed manifestations," the officials said in a statement issued after a meeting chaired by President Elias Sarkis.

The statement said the meeting reviewed progress toward removal of the "armed manifestations" in all regions of Lebanon where regular forces were stationed.

"A tangible improvement has been recorded in this respect," the statement said.

But while expressing satisfaction with progress so far, the participants agreed the country's regular forces needed more time to be entrusted with their security duties.

The meeting was attended by the ADF's Lebanese commander Col. Sami Khatib, Interior Minister Salim Salim, Prime Minister Salim

Hoss, Army Commander and Defense Minister Gen. Victor Khoury and Internal security chief Col. Ahmad Hajji.

The security meeting was followed by a cabinet meeting—also to discuss the law-and-order issue, political sources said.

The government has drawn up a plan to reestablish security and has entrusted its implementation jointly to the Syrian-dominated ADF and Lebanese forces.

Show of Force

As the government issued the statement, low-flying Israeli warplanes swooped over Palestinian refugee camps throughout South Lebanon Wednesday, breaking the sound barrier but carrying no bombing missions by midday, witnesses reported.

They said the sonic booms shattered window glass in the major towns of Sidon, Tyre and Nabatiyeh.

A spokesman for Sidon's governor said all U.N.-run schools in all refugee camps

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were closed and students sent home as a precaution.

A newsman in Sidon, provincial capital of the south, said commando forces were put on alert as the planes thundered over the south.

He reported that Israeli gunboats cruised along a 40-mile stretch of the southern Lebanese coast as the planes screamed overhead in what local Palestinian commanders described as a "New Year show of force."

Sidon is 25 miles south of Beirut. Tyre is another 25 miles further south. Nabatiyeh is eight miles north of the Israeli frontier 30 miles inland from Tyre.

The Palestine Liberation Organization's high command in Beirut withheld immediate comment. But one Palestinian commander in Sidon was quoted as saying Israel was saber rattling to warn against escalation of commando activities in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip.

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Preparations under way for Algiers party meet

ALGIERS, Jan. 3 (R)—The provisional Algerian leadership is pressing ahead with preparations for a special congress to name a successor to the late President Houari Boumedienne.

The commission organizing this congress was named Tuesday night after a meeting of the Council of the Revolution under Rabah Bitat, the acting head of state.

Political observers believed the congress could be held by the end of this month, and new presidential elections could take place before Bitat's interim leadership ends on Feb. 9.

Under the constitution, Bitat, the national assembly chairman, became head of state for a maximum period of 45 days when President Boumedienne died.

The commission, whose members were named in alpha-

betical order by the official news agency Algerie Press Service (APS) Tuesday night, appeared to reflect an effort towards representing the various power sectors in the country.

It included six government ministers, six commanding officers of the armed forces, the general secretaries of the five national organizations (trade union, peasants, women, youth and Mujahideen—veterans of the liberation war), nine party officials, including the five (appointed) national commissioners, and 7 members of the national assembly.

Contrary to expectations, no member of the Council of the Revolution was appointed to the commission.

Informal sources said predicted earlier that a member of the revolutionary council

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Bakhtiar promises to end martial law

TEHRAN, Jan. 3 (Agencies)—Iran's prime minister designee promised Wednesday to gradually dismantle martial law throughout the country and hinted that the Shah will leave the country for "rest and a vacation."

In a news conference shortly after both houses of the Iranian parliament formally nominated him as the country's new civilian premier, Dr. Shahpour Bakhtiar said the Shah "wants to rest and take a vacation—that is the desire he has expressed himself."

He refused to elaborate on the issue, however, stressing instead his own plans for restoring the nation to civilian rule for the first time in two months.

Asked if he believed his government could survive with the Shah remaining in the country, he said the question was "extremely delicate" and that he hoped to restore "the legality of the king"—apparently a reference to keeping the Shah's power within constitutional bounds.

The opposition National Front, which opposes Bakhtiar's agreement to form a government under the Shah's aegis, claimed Wednesday that opposition to Bakhtiar was building up across the country.

It said thousands of people gathered Wednesday in the city of Isfahan to hear a local religious leader speak against Bakhtiar, formerly the No. 2 member of the National Front, and that slogans condemning him were appearing across the country.

The front, headed by Dr. Karim Sanjabi, stands for the abdication of the Shah.

Only small demonstrations against the Shah were reported in Iran Wednesday as many opponents apparently took a wait-and-see attitude about

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Queen Elizabeth cancels official visit to Iran

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Agencies)—Buckingham palace announced Wednesday that Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh have cancelled their planned state visit to Iran next month on the advice of the Shah.

— His government will not submit itself "to any military authority, whatever it is." Asked if he feared a military coup d'etat against his new moderate regime, he said "that is for South America. I hope to avoid it (a coup) and I don't believe it will happen."

Political parties will be permitted free operation in Iran. But asked if the Communist Party, now outlawed, would be legalized, he indicated it would not. He said that to be legal, parties must believe in "religion and Iran".

— The Cetno alliance—which groups Iran, Pakistan, Turkey and the United Kingdom with the United States as an observer—"is militarily dead, and a dead person cannot be resurrected." But he said Iran would continue to take part in Cetno's economic activities.

— Iran will no longer be "the gondolier of the Persian Gulf." Iran's huge military establishment is largely designed to assure security in the Gulf, but Bakhtiar indicated its role would be limited only to protecting Iran's own interests there rather than policing the whole region.

— Army units, on duty throughout Iran following months of sporadic anti-Shah rioting, "will not stay on the streets for nothing." But, indicating that he will not permit future major disorders, he added, "if someone burns the French embassy, the army will defend it."

— Persons arrested for murder, looting and other serious crimes during recent rioting will be prosecuted.

— The French-based Ayatollah Khomeini, the chief religious opponent of the Shah, is welcome to come back to

Iran, which normally exports five million barrels of oil a day, ceased exports a week ago.

— About half of the shortfall has since been made up by Saudi Arabia, which has increased its production by about 1.5 million barrels a day.

The official, who summoned reporters for a briefing, said existing world stockpiles of oil were between four billion and five billion barrels.

"We estimate at the moment current stocks plus the increased production should be enough to avoid stringent oil shortages over the coming weeks and even months," the official said.

The administration official said increased production by other oil-exporting nations and use of existing oil stockpiles will more than cushion any shortage produced by the strikes against Iran's oil industry.

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Aramco takeover accord to be signed this month

JEDDAH, Jan. 3—The government is expected to complete its takeover of the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) "probably at the end of the month," the newspaper "Al-Medina" reported Wednesday.

Without quoting sources, the paper said an agreement would be signed which would lead to the creation of a Saudi National Oil Company. The signing will be the occasion for a celebration at the Ferrousia Riding Club in Riyadh, the paper said.

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A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom

Jeddah

Saturday, Jan. 6

Saudi Arabian Natural History Society meeting

Sunday, Jan. 7—Thursday, Jan. 11

A Pantomime called "Sing a Song of Sixpence" at the Players Playhouse. 8:00 p.m. (Wednesday 7:00 p.m.). Adults SR 15, children SR 10.

Monday, Jan. 8

Danish women's tea. 3:00-5:00 p.m., at Danish ambassador's residence.

British wives coffee morning at the British ambassador's residence. 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Gardening Club meeting at 1:30 p.m. at U.S. Embassy in go to Marjorie Tsaros house. Open in all.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Cello and piano recital by Friedrich-Jurgen Fellheim and Eckhart Fellheim, 8:30 p.m. at British ambassador's residence. Tickets SR 10, available at the door, or from Helmut Lorch, German embassy. Tel. 53544.

Riyadh

Monday, Jan. 8

Camel and horse races, at the Malaz stadium. Tickets SR 5

DHAHRAN

Friday, Jan. 5

Soccer: Al-Khobar plays Riyadh at the Dammam Stadium 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at 5, 10, 25, or 50 SR.

Monday, Jan. 8

The Dhahran Community Chorus begins rehearsing for its Spring Choral Concert. Newcomers welcome. Aramco, house 1427 B at 8 p.m. For further information call Jim Neibor at Aramco 53618.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

An Exhibition of Chinese postage stamps at the Media Center Building No. 7, King Abdul Aziz University, under joint-sponsorship of King Abdul Aziz University, Directorate General of Posts and the Embassy of the Republic of China for one week.

It said government ownership of Aramco "will not increase the Kingdom's revenue, but will give Saudi Arabia full control of its natural oil resources," quoting a recent statement by Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

"Al-Medina" said the move will preserve Aramco's "imposing empire without weakening it either in the field of marketing or exploration."

Saudi Arabia acquired 60 per cent of Aramco in June 1974, and two years later a general accord was reached on a complete takeover.

Under approved general principles, the four U.S. shareholder, in Aramco would receive compensation for their remaining 40 per cent, as well as service fee for continuing to run production and exploration on behalf of the government.

The four U.S. shareholders are SOCAL (Standard Oil of California), Exxon, Texaco and Mobil.

Yamani said in an interview before the Abu Dhabi OPEC pricing meeting in mid-December that in the negotiations for complete takeover "there are some little details left to be resolved but we can sign an agreement without reaching an agreement on these details."

Yamani told the U.S. oil industry newsletter "Oilgram News" that the companies' service fee would be related in their performance according to an agreed formula. There would also be exploration incentives, he said.

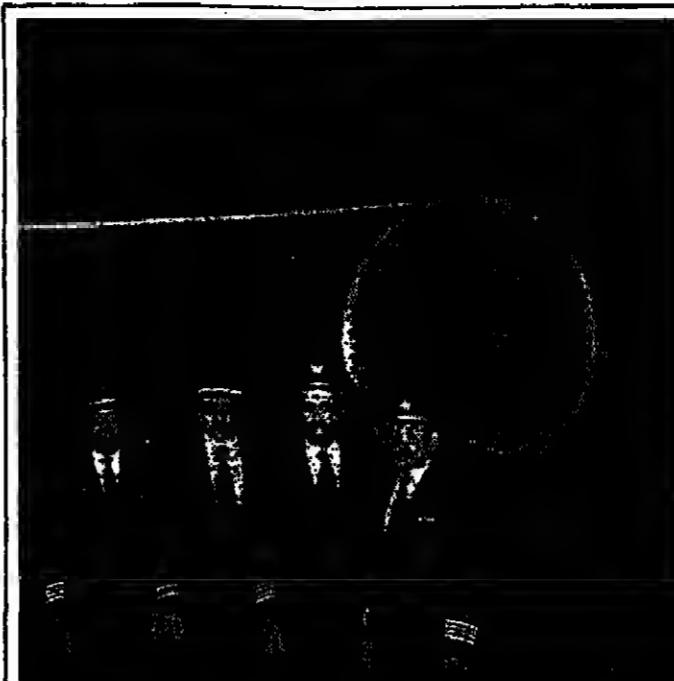
Refinery increase

SPA adds: production at Jeddah refinery is running 10,000 barrels a day over planned levels. Mansour Abdul Rahman Al-Suhaimi, assistant chairman of the refinery's board, said Wednesday.

He said that final understanding had been reached on Saudi claims in the northern part of the zone at a meeting in Kuwait of the joint commission set up for the purpose.

Stages One and Two of the refinery were producing at a rate of 55,000 b/d against their original planned capacity of 45,000 b/d, showing a productive efficiency of 122 per cent, he said.

Suhaimi said that the refinery was attempting to raise "production as far as we can within the limits of safety for plant and employees".



NEW TRISTAR: Jambi, Kamal, Hakeem and Temairk with the new aircraft at Jeddah Monday evening.

Tristar raises Saudia fleet to 9

JEDDAH, Jan. 3—Saudia received a new Lockheed Tristar aircraft Monday, bringing its 1-101 fleet to nine aircraft, the airline announced Wednesday.

An all-Saudi crew of Captains Abd Al-Fatah Jambi, Muhammad Omar Kamal and Othman Hakeem and Flight Engineer Amin Temairk Test flew the Tristar from its plant near Los Angeles to Jeddah Monday.

Frontier property claims to be fixed in 4 months

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA)—

All Saudi claims to property in the Partitioned Neutral Zone between the Kingdom and Kuwait will be settled within four months, Deputy Minister of Interior Dr. Ibrahim Al-Owaji said Wednesday.

He said that final understanding had been reached on Saudi claims in the northern part of the zone at a meeting in Kuwait of the joint commission set up for the purpose.

Owaji was addressing reporters on his return from Kuwait Tuesday where he attended the opening session.

The commission followed guidelines laid down by Kuwait Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah after his visit to Saudi Ara-

bia, Owaji added.

He said that more than 2,600 Saudis were involved and that the commission was made up of four members, two Saudis and two Kuwaitis.

Local Briefs

• DAMMAM, (SPA) — Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qahtani, rector of King Faisal University of the Eastern Province here presided over a senate meeting Wednesday to discuss the university's five-year plan and the appointment of new faculty. The senate also approved an exhibition of architectural designs by Peter Land of the Illinois State University, to be held at the university's College of Architecture and Planning.

• RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed has awarded a SR 13.7 million contract for municipal services to rural complexes in Qunfuzah, Sajar, Begaa, Shamasiah and Ohood Al-Masarah, the ministry announced Wednesday.

• RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed Wednesday signed a SR 61.8m contract for the third phase of Mecca's water project.

Minister opens utility

Central power firm to be set up soon

TABUK, Jan. 3 (SPA) — A royal decree is expected shortly establishing a central electricity company operating in the Central Province of Saudi Arabia. Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Ogababi said here Wednesday.

A joint stock company is expected to be formed to manage the utility and its 400-kilometer network.

The Tabuk ceremony was also addressed by Dr. Nasif, Governor of Tabuk Sheikh Sulaiman Turki Al-Sudairi, and by the director general of the Dutch company.

In the evening Dr. Al-Ogababi visited Tabuk Air Base and King Faisal Military City before returning to Riyadh.

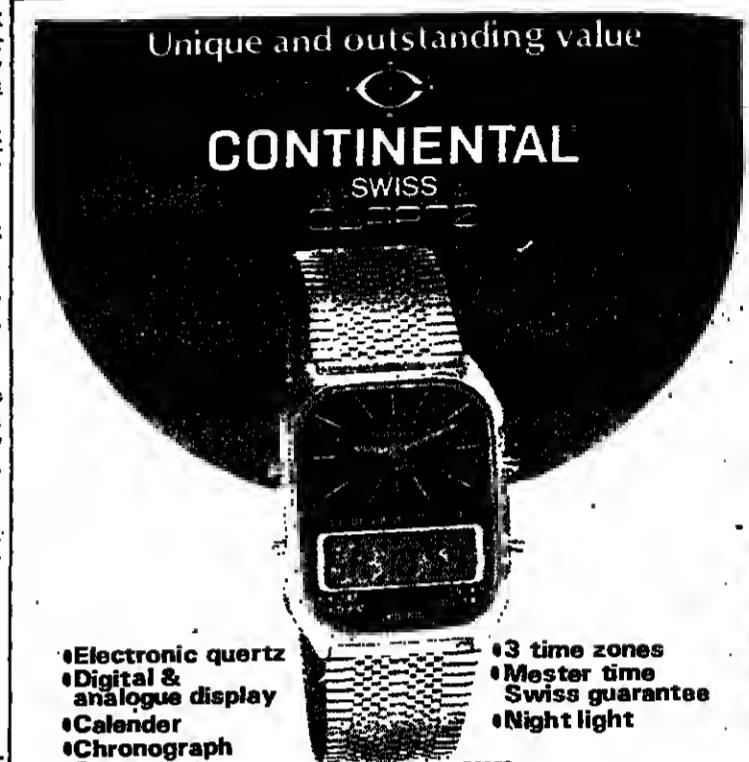
Correction

Because of a typographical error, "Arab News" in its Jan. 1 edition incorrectly reported the target production of the Saudi Arabian Fertilizer Co. (SAFCO) for 1978 as 520,000 metric tons. This should be 250,000 metric tons. "Arab News" regrets any confusion that may have arisen.

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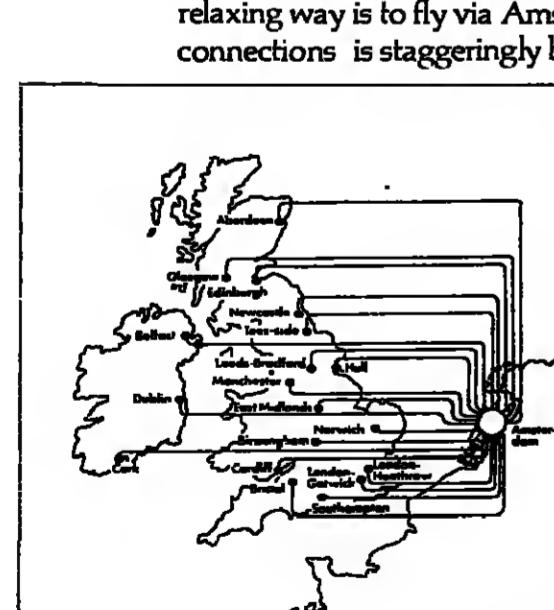
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Hit Mekong River towns**Vietnamese launch new Cambodia attacks**

BANGKOK, Jan. 3 (AP) — Vietnamese forces have opened up a fourth major front in an escalating drive into eastern Cambodia, one apparently aimed at cutting off the capital of Phnom Penh from the south, reliable analysts said Wednesday.

They also reported widespread and intense air strikes by the Vietnamese, using both Soviet and American-built warplanes. Cambodia has charged that Soviet pilots are flying some of the aircraft and said one Soviet MiG jet was shot down New Year's Day.

Cambodia has accused Vietnam of launching a massive invasion along the length of the 1,220-kilometer border with Vietnam but has not provided details on the fighting.

The most recently detected front is in the so-called "Parrot's Beak" where Vietnamese troops appear to be moving westward to cut vital highways to the south of Phnom Penh, according to the analysts.

Cambodian rebels have claimed major victories along Highways 7, 13 and 19 which run from the Vietnamese border to the Mekong River in northeastern Cambodia.

The rebels of the pro-Hanoi National United Front for National Salvation also announced they had captured the Mek-

ing River town of Kratie and have laid siege to another Mekong town, Kompong Cham, only 65 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh.

Thai intelligence sources speculated that heavy fighting would erupt over the next few days in the "Parrot's Beak," Cambodian territory which runs into southern Vietnam.

Sources in Bangkok Wednesday could not confirm the siege of Kompong Cham, the key to

control of northeastern Cambodia. But they confirmed that Kratie, 130 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh, had fallen.

The Front's news agency SPK Wednesday said more than 200 officers and soldiers defending the town had rallied to the rebel side after Kratie fell Dec. 30.

Analysts in Bangkok believe North Vietnamese forces are doing the fighting, and the

Cambodian rebels are mopping up behind them.

Intelligence sources in Washington and Bangkok had earlier estimated that Vietnam has put more than 100,000 troops into the Cambodian operation but there are indications that a large number are still being held in reserve in Vietnam.

The rebel strength is difficult to determine but some have estimated the front may have

20,000 fighting men.

Some may leave Tung An**Manila refugees see faint hope**

MANILA, Jan. 3 (Agencies)

A glimmer of hope emerged Wednesday for 2,300 Vietnamese refugees packed aboard the rusting freighter Tung An in Manila Bay.

It came in the form of offers from West Germany, Australia and the United States to help the Philippines tackle the overall problem posed by refugees.

Although none of the three countries said it would take "boat people" direct from the freighter, a United Nations official said he hoped the offers could free places for them ashore.

Werner Blatter, of the U.N. High Commission for Refugees, said the Munich had offered to take 150 of the 2,300 refugees at present crowding 2

temporary Manila camp.

Australia said it would take 200, while the United States confirmed that refugees in the Philippines, including those aboard the Tung An, were eligible for its program of offering boat people a new home.

The Tung An, registered in Panama, steamed into Philippine waters Dec. 27, four days after authorities in Brunei evicted it. The Philippines has refused to land its refugees because this country's main camp, in suburban Manila, is overcrowded.

In Hong Kong, which faces a possible influx of Vietnamese refugees that could top 10,000, an old Royal Air Force base has been fitted out as a stand-by transit camp.

The colony, which for three

decades has had to absorb successive waves of refugees from China, already has 5,000 boat people on its hands.

In addition Taiwan told Hong Kong Wednesday that it would not accept the 2,700 Vietnamese aboard the Taiwan-owned freighter Huey Fong, which arrived off the colony 12 days ago and shows no signs of budging.

Hong Kong could also be drawn into the Tung An problem after a Philippine warning that Soviet pilots were flying for the Vietnamese, Moscow's Southeast Asian allies. He said the invaders were supported by MiG-19 and MiG-21 pursuit bombers and "four-motor bombers."

"If they are genuine refugees and if this really was the ship's first port of call, we will accept them," a Hong Kong official said.

And less control of industry**Chinese newspaper speaks out for free speech, democracy**

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The Chinese have been speaking out recently in wall posters, criticizing officials in high office, raising doubt about some policies of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung and demanding more democracy.

Japan's Kyodo News Service reported Wednesday from Peking that one new wall poster even demands liberalization of China's centuries-old inhibited attitude toward women.

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Winds impede hunt for lost crewmen of U.S. oil tanker

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — High winds and rough seas hampered rescuers Wednesday as they searched for 30 missing crewmen after an American-owned oil tanker exploded and sank in the Caribbean.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the missing men were presumed to have drowned after they jumped from the 3,339-ton Master Michael which went up in flames Tuesday halfway between Venezuela and Haiti.

A passing Italian vessel, the Ilio, picked up four members of the crew who swam to safety and the body of a fifth was recovered, the Coast Guard reported.

Two ships were on the scene

using floodlights and five aircraft crisscrossed the area until darkness.

Survivors told rescuers that the missing men had jumped off the bow of the tanker after an explosion near its stern. Some did not have life preservers, they said.

The Coast Guard spokesman said the tanker's lifeboats had been burned although one life raft may have been launched.

The tanker was registered in Cyprus and owned by the Crossway Navigation Agency of New York City.

The spokesman said the search area south of Haiti was raked by winds of 55 kilometers an hour and 3-meter waves.

A Coast Guard cutter was

headed for the scene from San Juan, Puerto Rico, and commercial ships in the area were being asked to assist. A Cuban Navy patrol also joined the search, the Coast Guard said. Navy and Coast Guard planes joined Dutch and Jamaican aircraft in the fruitless search, the Coast Guard said.

On a happier note at an oil rig 140 miles southwest off New Orleans, La., sixteen crew members were rescued Wednesday as the rig founder in heavy seas in the Gulf of Mexico.

Off the coast of Spain and Portugal, the stricken Greek supertanker Andros Patria began leaking oil into the Atlantic Ocean again Wednesday, informed maritime sources reported.

The Spanish Navy said the tanker, ripped by five explosions off northwest Spain on New Year's Eve, was still being towed by a salvage tug at two knots.

Salvage men boarded the stricken tanker after 30 of the 33 people aboard abandoned ship and were feared drowned when their lifeboats capsized. The three men who stayed aboard were lifted off by helicopter.

The Andros Patria's latest reported position was about 100 miles offshore opposite the Spanish-Portuguese frontier.

The tanker apparently was heading for Lisbon, a navy spokesman said. A Portuguese Corvette had arrived to supervise the tow.

The maritime experts said off began to lead again to worsening weather. Salvage experts added that they thought the Andros Patria had previously spilled between 5,000 and 10,000 tons of its cargo of 208,000 tons of Iranian crude.



AKLAZE: Tankers like this Greek ship, which caught fire on the Mississippi River in July of 1978, have had trouble in the last few days both in the Caribbean and in the Atlantic off Spain.

Panama ships in fish to eat through Canal

GAMBOA, Canal Zone, Jan. 3 (AP) — Thousands of Chinese Grass Carp have been dumped into the Panama Canal in hopes they will eat their way through a massive tangle of aquatic weeds.

The weeds are fouling ship propellers, making it difficult to service navigational aids, plugging ship motor water intakes and clogging the lock gates, said Rene Sanchez, a fisheries biologist working on the project for the Panama Canal Company.

"We've controlled the weeds so far by dumping copper sulfate and 2-4-D herbicide on them. We'd like to get away from using chemicals and believe the fish may eventually save money," Sanchez said.

The biologist said that in fiscal 1978 the Canal Company dumped 625,000 pounds of toxic copper sulfate on thousands of acres of hydrilla. The plant's tendrils may extend 40 feet.

There are four other kinds of weeds that can cause trouble in the waterway. Sanchez said that some years ago the company used arsenic to kill them.

He said the carp, also known as the White Amur, will weigh 50 to 60 pounds and reach three feet long at maturity and eat well over its body weight each day. They are native to the Amur River on the Sino-

Soviet border.

The fish has teeth in its throat and eats the weeds by sucking them into its mouth. It is not expected to spawn in Canal waters, enabling biologists to control the population.

"To spawn the fish, eggs must float down a one-mile-an-hour current of saltless water for about 50 hours," Sanchez said. "We don't have conditions like that there."

Sanchez said that beginning in two or three years the population will be replenished by adding about 25,000 fish a year.

The cost of the project so far may be over \$1 million, Sanchez said, adding that the cost of copper sulfate has shot up to 50 cents per pound.

The carp were hatched in the United States. For the trip to the Canal Zone they were loaded aboard a tank truck that was driven aboard a U.S. Air Force C-130.

Umbrella killing Markov death ruled murder

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — A London court ruled Wednesday that Bulgarian defector Georgi Markov was murdered last September by an unknown assassin who injected a rare and deadly poison into his leg.

Before he died Markov, 49, a broadcaster and outspoken critic of the Bulgarian administration, said he had been stabbed with an umbrella in a busy London street.

A scientist from Britain's biological and chemical warfare establishment at Porton Down told the court the poison was almost certainly ricin, which comes from the castor oil plant and is twice as potent as cobra venom.

Dr. Robert Keeley, a forensic scientist, said the pellet found in Markov's thigh was exactly the same as that taken from another Bulgarian emigre.

Vladimir Kostov, a French-based journalist, survived a strange illness after being hit in the back by a pellet as he travelled on the Paris metro.

At the end of the two-hour inquest the coroner said Markov had been "unlawfully killed."

U.N. Pretoria to begin talks on Namibia poll

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 3 (AP) — In reply to a South African proposal to begin long delayed talks on U.N. supervised elections in Namibia, Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim announced Wednesday he will send Martti Ahisaari, his special representative to Namibia, next week. He will discuss deployment of U.N. troops and election observers in that territory in preparation for a pre-independence election by next Sept. 30.

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Doctors told the court that after Markov was taken to hospital he displayed all the signs of severe blood poisoning and tests showed a rare reaction by the white blood cells, "more severe than anything he had ever seen," Dr. Bernard Riley said.

A forensic scientist said the tiny pellet which had holes to hold the poison could not have been made for any legitimate purpose.

Markov, who worked in the Bulgarian section of the British Broadcasting Corporation defected in 1970 and his wife said Wednesday, feared the umbrella incident was the work of the Bulgarian secret police.

Commander James Neville of the London Police said his

investigation team had discovered no leads on the case after visits to the United States, West Germany, France and Italy.

A police spokesman said its inquiries were continuing.

Markov's widow testified Wednesday that her husband returned from work Sept. 7 and told her "I have been poisoned" and that "this might be connected with what happened today."

She said he then told her that while waiting at the Waterloo Bridge in downtown London for a bus he felt a sharp pain in his right thigh. He looked around, according to Mrs. Markov, in time to see a man who mumbled an apology, hopped a cab and drove off.

China hits back at Castro

TOKYO, Jan. 3 (AP) — China, which was castigated Monday by Cuban President Fidel Castro for developing "bourgeois ideas," said Wednesday that Cuba has become a tool of Soviet "social imperialism." Cuba has never taken an independent road since Castro's forces overthrew dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959, the Chinese said.

Somoza's foes plan strikes, marches

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 3 (AP) — Opponents of President Anastasio Somoza said Tuesday they are planning strikes, marches, and a day of mourning Jan. 10 to commemorate the assassination a year ago of opposition publisher Pedro Joaquin Chamorro which triggered off bloody uprisings against the government.

Train crash injures 23 in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 3 (AP) — Twenty-three persons were injured, three seriously, when a southbound freight train collided with a northbound passenger train Tuesday at Renggam, near Kluang, 190 kilometers south of Kuala Lumpur, police said.

Hunt mounted for killer shark

DURBAN, S. Africa, Jan. 3 (UPI) — Hunters scoured the waters off the Natal coast for a huge killer white shark Wednesday as the movie "Jaws II" packed theaters on the sunshine coast.

U.S., U.K. alerted on \$1.15m art theft

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3 (AP) — Police in the United States and Britain have been asked to watch for paintings stolen in a \$1.15 million art robbery in Melbourne last Saturday night. The paintings include works by Robert Dowling, Tom Roberts, William Dobell and Sydney Nolan.

Peoples Temple man to face murder trial

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Jan. 3 (AP) — Larry Layton, an x-ray technician at the Peoples Temple, has been ordered to stand trial before the Guyanese Supreme Court for the murder of U.S. representative Leo Ryan.

Magistrate Krishna Veni Obista made the ruling Tuesday after a three-week preliminary inquiry into the shooting deaths of the California Democrat and three journalists at the Port Kaituma Airstrip following their visit to the sect's nearby Jonestown settlement.

The murders Nov. 18 immediately touched off a mass poisoning of Peoples Temple followers left more than 900 persons dead.

After the magistrate's decision, the 32-year-old Layton

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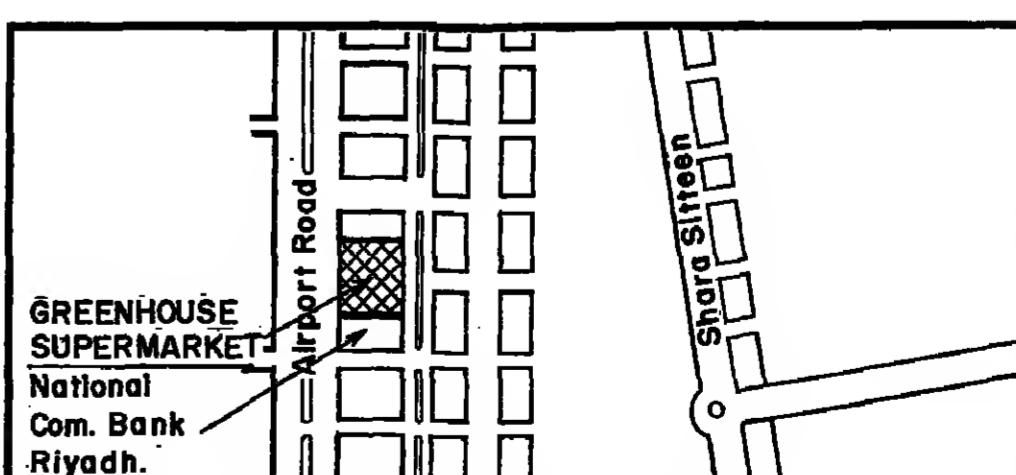


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PALESTINIAN UNITY

The mid-January meeting of the Palestine National Council in Damascus finds the Palestine issue at a dangerous crossroads. One false move may spell hardship for years to come, while taking the right direction will ease the pains that the Palestinians have been suffering for over 30 years.

The council will tackle a long agenda but three items stand out: Unity of the various Palestinian groups, the creation of a government-in-exile and relations with Jordan. This last item is the simplest to understand: The resistance movement feels that it must improve relations with the government in Amman and expand coordination and cooperation to make sure that Jordan continues to refuse joining the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks.

Of the other items, the question of unity among the resistance groups is the oldest. The council will be presented with a working paper of unity hammered out by a joint committee that based it on three drafts submitted by Fatah, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Popular Democratic Front. The combined unity draft is far less ambitious than its name implies. It does not call for a political or military unity among the various groups but rather offers a platform for joint action that the groups can support together. Although it has not been officially published, copies are circulating among council members and "Arab News" has received one from Beirut.

The unity draft deals with the Palestinian, Arab and international spheres of action. On the Palestinian level it calls for:

— Upholding full Palestinian rights to nationhood,
— Upholding the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinians.

— Escalation of the "armed struggle" against Israel in the occupied territories,

— Stressing that the Palestine issue is the heart and core of the anti-Zionist Arab struggle,

— Rejecting self-rule because it allows continued Jewish settlement in Arab lands and because it falls short of Palestinian aspirations, and

— The full unity of the Palestinians in the occupied territories and outside.

On the Arab level, the document calls for:

— Rejection of the Camp David agreements,
— Full support for the "steadfastness" front,
— Urging Arab parties and organizations to extend whole-hearted support for the PLO,

— Respect for the sovereignty of Lebanon and the Cairo Agreement (which doves relations between the Palestinians and Lebanese authorities) and

— Stressing the special relationship between the peoples of Jordan and Palestine.

On the international level the two more important positions are the continuing Palestinian opposition of U.S. policy "which favors Israel at the expense of Palestinian rights" and the determination to continue the cooperation with the socialist countries.

As can be seen there is nothing in the above points that could cause a serious problem among the various groups and the draft is expected to pass. But the subject of the government-in-exile is not so clear with strong groups continuing to oppose it. In Fatah, Abu Iyad and Abu Jihad are understood to be against while Abu Luluf is for with Abu Ammar oscillating between the two groups. The protagonists feel that the government-in-exile will give the U.S. government, if it so desires, the opportunity to overcome the complex of dealing with the PLO. The antagonists feel that a government-in-exile will turn the revolution into another ineffective government without gaining any new recognitions in return since Western Europe and the U.S. will not recognize a Palestinian government until it goes back on its agreed PLO policy—something which the Palestinians do not propose to do. It is noteworthy, however, that Palestinian intellectuals in the West and friends of the Palestine cause support the idea of a government-in-exile. The resistance movement may be wise to listen to them. It knows more about war but they know more about politics, especially American politics.

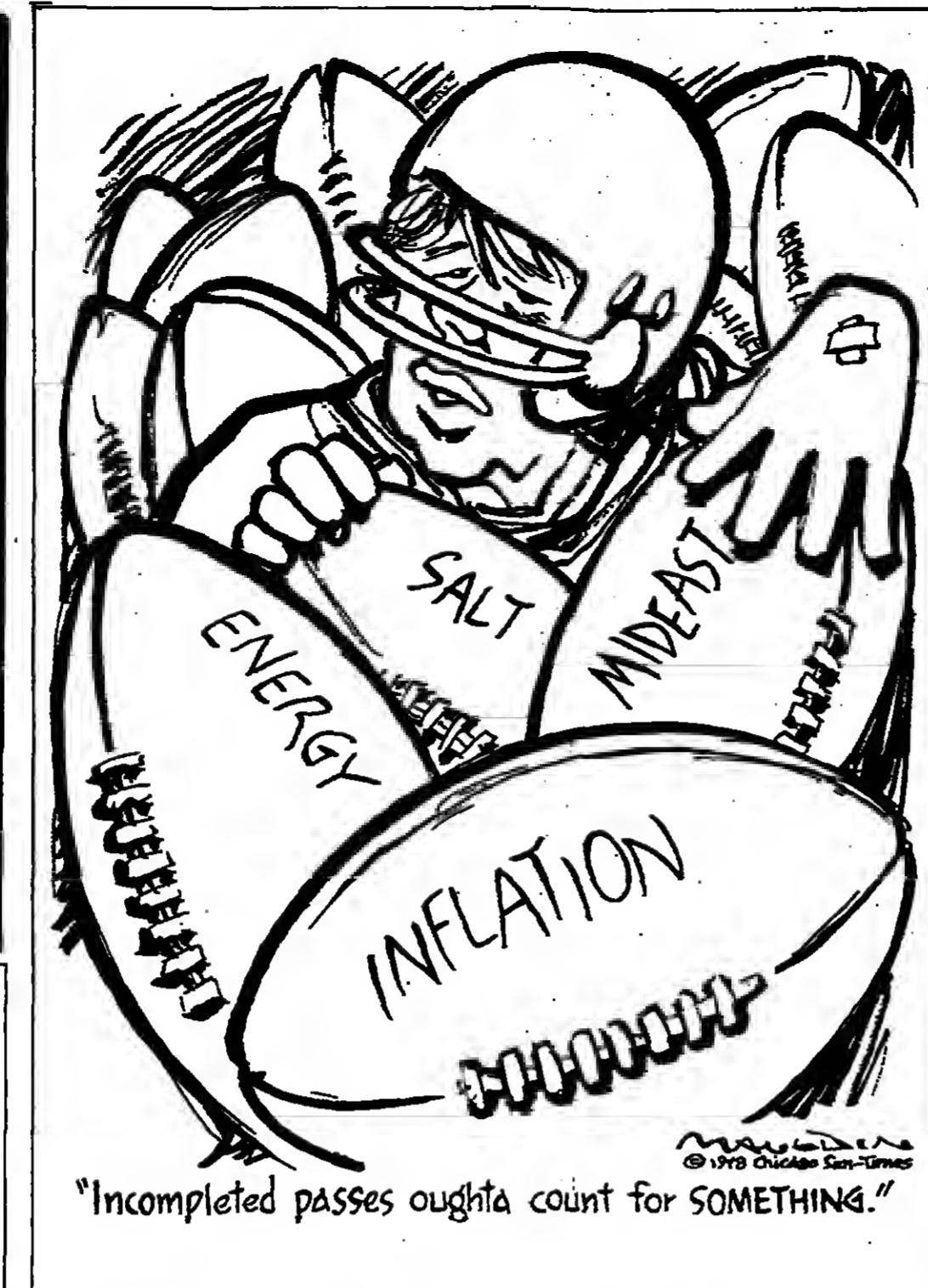
Sweet and sour

By Kevin Rafferty

TAIPEI — The Chinese youth burst home sweaty and dishevelled and confessed to his father that he had been throwing rocks at the American embassy in anger against President Carter's decision to recognize Peking instead of Taipei as the government of China.

His father did not rebuke him but instead suggested he would channel his energies into building a strong and independent Taiwan.

Such a scene was probably repeated in many homes in Taiwan. What is interesting is that this particular episode was a fiction broadcast by local television. It seemed to be a deliberate message from



"Incomplete passes oughta count for SOMETHING."

McGovern visits Rhodesia

NEW YORK — Can George McGovern bring peace to Rhodesia?

It's not as far-fetched as it sounds. Consider this: For months the Carter administration has stubbornly stuck to the notion that the slightest sign of support for the "internal solution" of Prime Minister Ian Smith and the three moderate black leaders would be seen as "racist" and would somehow draw the Russians and Cubans directly into Rhodesian intervention.

Carter, Andrew Young and the State Department all insisted that the only chance for peace lay in bringing the guerrilla leaders, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, into an "all parties" conference to negotiate a settlement. They carefully ignored the fact that these two had been invited in by Smith but had refused for the simple and his colleagues last spring reason that the deck was not stacked in their favor. Neither could win a free election — and knew it; and both have indicated that if they once get inside they will do everything to annihilate the opposition.

This U.S. policy has had little to do with the realities of Rhodesia and a lot to do with American domestic politics and a mistaken tie-in with memories of the civil rights movement in the Southern U.S. in the early '60s.

The British government took a similar policy position, but for different reasons. For many British leaders of both parties Smith's "UDI" — Unilateral Declaration of Independence of

1965 from the crown — sticks in the craw.

Where does George McGovern fit into this picture? As chairman prospective of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's African subcommittee, he was in Africa last month on a fact-finding trip. Far from retreating himself to the various autocracies, oligarchies and totalitarian states facing Rhodesia, McGovern went straight to Salisbury.

There, the senator was interviewed over breakfast by a local newspaper writer who filed a story that has not received much outside attention. Marion Dunn can write, "On the touchy subject of an all-parties conference, he (McGovern) said, 'It is not essential if the transitional government could work out some kind of formula to have an election that would draw the participation of the Patriotic Front people as well as the internal forces.'

"But even without the participation of external nationalist leaders the senator felt there was a possibility of international recognition for the newly independent Rhodesia. If the election is held and Mr. Smith steps down as he has said he is going to do and a black government comes to power, there is a possibility — I stress the word possibility — that sanctions might be lifted."

"I have gained a new respect for the complexity of the situation during my visit here. And I have a new, sharper understanding of the limitations of

outside intervention in Rhodesian affairs. The notion that somehow a handful of Americans and British could come in here and settle this thing is long gone, I think. Beyond that, I came here highly skeptical that Prime Minister Smith would follow through with his commitment to majority rule or elections. I now think he will probably do both."

For quite some time American conservatives (and many British conservatives) have been convinced that Smith meant to do both and that the issue was no longer white-versus-black rule for Rhodesia but rather a struggle among various black factions for leadership. Though you would expect Americans to support moderate, democratically-committed leaders such as Muzorewa, Sithole and Chinua, the fact they are in coalition with Smith seems to have caused a mental block among liberals.

George McGovern may provide the long-needed breakthrough. His views — if repeated back home — may not only make it respectable for the American liberal "establishment" to reconsider the issue, but may also inspire a shift in the official White House position.

The administration may be too deeply imbedded in its present policy toward Rhodesia to come around to reality, but if Sen. McGovern will lead the liberals on Capitol Hill, and with the conservatives already aboard, we may yet be able to give peace a chance. (KFS)

By William Keegan

LONDON —

"Everybody recognizes the problem. Everybody wants to do something about it. But nobody has a solution — and even if there was one, we wouldn't know how to implement it."

Such was the summary by one senior international monetary official of the difficulties facing the leaders of the United States, West Germany, France and Britain as they prepare to meet in Guadeloupe (on Jan. 5 and 6) to discuss, among other things, the crisis of confidence in the dollar.

As the principal world reserve and trading currency, the U.S. dollar's problems resemble those of the pound in 1976, but with significant differences:

Britain had the U.S. government to fall back on for help and holders of sterling were able to switch their funds into dollars.

The U.S. is itself the ultimate guarantor of many a Western industrialized economy. When the guarantor himself is in trouble, the world gets worried.

Britain must view the dollar's problems with mixed feelings.

The British government is always worried about the effects of a U.S. recession on British exports. But the short-term effect of a weak dollar is to divert attention from the many underlying problems which could weaken the pound.

In theory we should by now have a world central bank on the lines proposed by Keynes in 1944 and the international monetary system should not be dependent on one national currency.

But all efforts in this direction have been proceeding at the pace of lame snails, and there has been a deafening silence over plans for putting the International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Rights — a monetary unit based on the

discover the nature and details of intrigues being woven against us today. We should have the sagacity to learn from lessons of the past to save ourselves and our interests."

"Al-Niswa" urged the United States to act "in accordance

with

the most principles laid down by President Carter which, in the case of the Palestinian people, have been all but hollow words."

"Nevertheless the Palestinian revolution has made considerable achievements during the

last 15 years. But its finest achievement is and will be the continued escalation of the armed struggle for liberation. Only this will convert theoretical recognition of the Palestinians into a reality which eventually will mean victory and a homeland."

Marines. America made a similar move during the Indo-Pakistani war of 1971, though it made no difference to the eventual outcome. But the American image in India has still not recovered from this act of hostility by Washington.

The sending of an aircraft carrier in Moscow's view, will doom the Shah even more surely than anything else.

But any actual landing of Marines would be a different matter. It would force Moscow to act "in defense of its security interests and probably thrown not only Iran but the region in a bloodbath and cycle of hate and revenge," the Soviets claim.

Russians do not look forward to the prospect and are angered by what they believe is a move by Carter to involve the Soviet Union in the Iranian crisis.

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Dollar in a vice

ten began to break down towards the end of the 1960s.

The emphasis is likely to be on more coordination of what has come to be known as the "managed floating" of exchange rates, but with somewhat greater rigidity within currency blocks, such as the D-mark zone, where interdependence of trade is high.

But while officials talk about the problems of developing assets which countries and corporations can hold to take the strain off the dollar, some movement is taking place.

In the words of one senior monetary official: "There can hardly be a fund manager in the world who is not at this minute reassessing how much money he should keep in dollars. Until this process has run its course, there is no way of knowing whether \$10 billion, \$30 billion or \$50 billion of support will be needed to tide the Americans over."

Difficult though this is to say after a week when the Iranian crisis has highlighted the problems of the U.S. balance of payments and its dependence on imported energy, the dollar problem contains some seeds of the solution that cannot be found elsewhere.

If fund managers become convinced that the U.S. means business in dealing with its fundamental economic problems, then confidence in the dollar will improve.

So far they have not been convinced. Their worries take many forms, just as concern about the British economy focused on a succession of areas in 1976.

Worries about economic stagnation have so far proved too alarmist. But it seems increasingly likely that the advanced industrialized economies have entered a secular period of somewhat slower growth: since 1973, with shorter and smaller "booms". (OFNS)

The differences between the inflation rates and general economic structures of these areas are such that a new fixed rate system would be even more difficult to operate than it was when the Bretton Woods system

cease with the most principles laid down by President Carter which, in the case of the Palestinian people, have been all but hollow words."

"Nevertheless the Palestinian revolution has made considerable achievements during the

last 15 years. But its finest achievement is and will be the continued escalation of the armed struggle for liberation. Only this will convert theoretical recognition of the Palestinians into a reality which eventually will mean victory and a homeland."

Marines. America made a similar move during the Indo-Pakistani war of 1971, though it made no difference to the eventual outcome. But the American image in India has still not recovered from this act of hostility by Washington.

The sending of an aircraft carrier in Moscow's view, will doom the Shah even more surely than anything else.

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saudi press review

"Oskar" reviewed Soviet policy in the region and its drive to penetrate and finally overthrow the regimes there as a corollary to Zionist intrigues."

"The aim of the Soviet

Union and international Com-

munism is to break up na-

tional unity, destroy eco-

nomic and moral well-being and sub-

vert religious beliefs" the pa-

per said.

The paper cited the situation

in Iran and Turkey and the

Horn of Africa blaming the

Soviet Union for the tensions

that now characterize these

areas.

"The Arab and Islamic

worlds are aware of the com-

munist role, in conjunction

with Zionism, and have taken

Trails 1-2 in series

Australia wins 3rd Test by 103 runs

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3 (R) — Australia took only 35 minutes here Wednesday to beat England by 103 runs and win the third Test on its fifth and final day.

England, resuming this morning at 171 for eight chasing Australia's lead of 282, lost the wickets of Bob Willis and Mike Hendrick in 4.2 overs without a defeat.

The loss was also England

captain Mike Brearley's first defeat as England skipper in 16 tests, ending an unhappy match for him and giving Australia its first win over England since the centenary Test played in Melbourne 22 months ago.

England lost their last two wickets in only three balls as Hogg had Willis caught-fittingly by Australian captain Graham Yallop at backward square

leg — and bowled Hendrick to dismiss England for 179.

Hogg, who set up the Australian win by taking five wickets in England's first innings of 143 finished with another five wickets for 36 in England's Wednesday.

The Australian fast bowler also took wickets in each innings of the second Test and seven wickets in the first Test. England go on to the fourth Test in Sydney on Saturday

with a 2-1 lead in the six Test Ashes battle, but Australia's confidence and pride must have been restored by its win Wednesday.

The England selectors must be worried about the form of some of the players and must be concerned at Brearley's poor run with the bat. He has scored 6, 13, 17, 0, 1 and 0 and has taken over the opening position from Graham Gooch.

The decisive factor in Australia's win was Yallop's winning the toss last Friday when he decided to bat and Australia reached 243 for four on the first day.

The pitch deteriorated after the opening day and England's low scores in both innings were as much due to a low bounce as Hogg's fine bowling and England's dismal batting.

Light saves W. Indies

CALCUTTA, Jan. 3 (R) — The West Indies just managed to avoid defeat by India in the third Test here Wednesday when the game was called off because of bad light a few minutes before the scheduled close of play after repeated appeals against the light by the West Indies last wicket pair of Sew Shivarine and Sylvester Clarke.

The West Indies were 197 for nine having been set a victory target of 335.

When the umpires decided the light was too bad to continue, they had to run through a hail of oranges pelted from the stands.

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there because I wanted to win this tournament. How can I aim for Wimbledon if I don't win here? It is so pleasing because I was upset at Wimbledon last time when they said I couldn't play on grass."

There was never much doubt that the \$41,000 winner's check would end up with Vilas.

Although Marks kept the stocky left-hander on the sun-baked center court for nearly three hours, Vilas dictated the play.

Vilas plugged away at the Australian's backhand, rarely allowing him to get set with the vicious forehand which withered Arthur Ashe in the semifinals.

Vilas needed only one service break—in the third game—to grab the first set and he appeared to be steamrolling home when he broke again in the opening game of the second set and raced to a 3-1

lead.

But Marks struck back to break serve and level at 4-4.

Urged on by the near-capacity crowd of 12,000, the Australian served for a 5-4 lead only to surrender meekly to the Argentine's topspin barrage of returns. Vilas lost only one more point before taking the set.

Steve Jones

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP) — Anne Smith upset no. 3 seed Betty Stove of Holland 6-7, 7-5, 6-3 Tuesday night in an opening round match of the \$125,000 Washington stop on the women's pro tennis tour.

In other top matches, top-seeded Martina Navratilova, the defending champion who has won this tournament three of the last four years, easily defeated Lea Antonopolis 6-1, 6-0, and 16-year-old Pam Shriver, the seventh seed, ousted Francoise Durr of France 6-2, 6-4.

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Vilas turned his back on his home country championship in November to prepare for the Australian Open, guring a victory on grass he would pay off six months from now at Wimbledon.

"It was a very difficult decision to skip Argentina and come here to practice," he said.

"I was so nervous out

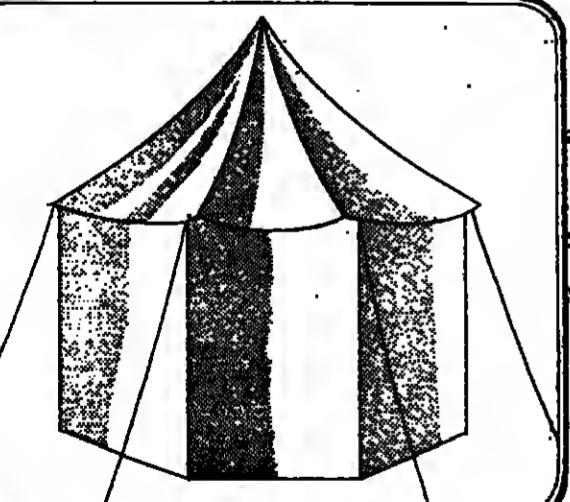
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PACEMAN: Australian fast bowler Geoff Dymock who finished the third Test with figures of 18-4-37-2, taking advantage of a wicket that gave little bounce.

AP names Alabama football No. 1

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP) — The Crimson Tide of Alabama, conqueror of previously unbeaten Penn State in the Sugar Bowl, was named college football's national champion for 1978 Wednesday by the Associated Press.

In a tight three-way race with Southern California and Oklahoma, Alabama received 38 first-place votes and 1,317 of a possible 1,360 points from a nationwide panel of 68 sports writers and broadcasters.

Alabama defeated Penn State, 14-7 Monday and captured the national championship it thought it should have won a year ago when the Crimson Tide wound up behind Notre Dame in a controversial finish.

Southern Cal, which defeated Michigan, 17-10 in the Rose Bowl, received 19 first-place votes and 1,285 points. Oklahoma received the remaining 11 first-place votes and 1,251 points following a 31-24 triumph over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

Penn State slipped from first place to fourth with 1,168 points after Alabama ended its 19-game winning streak.

Michigan was fifth, followed by Clemson, Notre Dame, Nebraska, Texas and Houston.

Bucks beat Cavs on disputed fouls

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP) — It's hard to say which infuriated Bill Fitch more — the calls referee Earl Strom made or those he and his crew missed.

Fitch, coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers, was angered because Strom called three technical fouls against his club in Tuesday night's 116-113 National Basketball Association loss to the Milwaukee Bucks. He was also upset because Strom did not blow the whistle when Fitch felt he should have done, particularly down the stretch.

A jumper by guard Brian Winters with 1:04 remaining put the Bucks ahead, and baskets by John Gianelli and Marques Johnson kept them in front the rest of the way.

Russian jumper

tops wire poll

WARSAW, Jan. 3, (R) — Russian high jumper Vladimir Yaschenko has been voted European Sports Personality of the year in the annual poll conducted by the Polish News Agency, PAP.

Yaschenko polled 151 points in the vote by 23 European news agencies, including Reuter. Another high jumper, women's world record-holder Sera Simeoni of Italy, was second with 144 points and tennis player Bjorn Borg of Sweden third with 142.

Anti-Communist networks barred from Olympics

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Jan. 3 (R) — The Soviet Olympic Committee does not intend to allow U.S.-backed Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty to report next year's Olympic Games in Moscow, the Soviet sports minister, was quoted as saying Wednesday.

Sports minister Sergei Pavlov told the West German sports news agency SID that the Munich-based stations employ envoys working for U.S. intelligence who arouse hatred against the Soviet Union and its Communist allies.

"Why must people who have cleared out of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries report the Olympics in Moscow?" Pavlov said.

"There is no sense in letting in these so-called journalists who are in fact CIA agents. They broadcast only false information which just spreads hatred against the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries.

"In the National Olympic Committee of the USSR we are categorically against the presence of even one of these stations. Everything will be done to prevent their presence. We make no secret of that," he said.

British champion likely to retain chess lead

HASTINGS, England, Jan. 3 (R) — British champion Jonathan Speelman was expected to retain his lead in the Hastings International Chess Tournament when he and Hungarian grandmaster Istvan Csom finish their game adjourned Tuesday night.

Csom, a pawn down after a tough defense, was thought to be able to hold the game to a draw, giving Speelman a half-point lead over UK Anderson of Sweden in round five of the tournament.

"Truck" Robinson added 26 more and 24 rebounds as the Jazz shaved the Lakers.

Lloyd Free scored 33 points, his fifth consecutive 30-point game, to lead the Clippers past the Detroit Pistons.

Gus Williams and Jack Sikma started a second-half rally that propelled the Supersonics to victory over the Blazers.

Nigeria cleans up golds at Nairobi college meet

NAIROBI, Jan. 3 (R) — Nigeria launched a strong campaign for gold medals when the athletics program of the second African University Games here opened in Nairobi Tuesday.

In the seven track and field finals, the Nigerian won three golds, two silver and one bronze medals. Ghana, runner-up to Egypt at the last games in Accra four years ago, had one gold, one silver and two bronze.

Kenya, a world track power in several events, finished the day with only two bronze medals. But it was level with Ghana on athletics medals at the end of the day because of Michael Musyoki's gold and Samson Kimbwa's silver from the 10,000 meters race which opened the games.

Obeng's win came after Nigeria's Caroline Achugbu had taken two gold medals. She won the women's shot put with a 12.35-meter toss and the discus with a throw of 42.35 meters.

The other Nigerian winner was F. Chogoria, with a long jump of 6.02 meters.

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After ministers confer**UAE to compensate French losses in Iranian crude, Paris announces**

PARIS, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet said Wednesday that during his visit to Abu Dhabi late last month he was assured that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) would compensate France for any oil shortage resulting from the loss of supplies from Iran.

Poncet said Minister of Petroleum Muriel Said Oterba told

By 20,000 workers

New strike hits German steel industry

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Jan. 3 (AP) — Another 20,000 workers put down their tools in the northwest German steel industry Wednesday, idling about 100,000 or almost half the work force in the vital Rhine industrial area, Bremen and Osnabrueck.

The latest walkouts came despite pending mediation efforts, including a proposal for a 4 per cent wage contract for

him the UAE would not allow France to suffer as a result of the Iranian crisis but did not make any definite commitments. He also did not promise an immediate increase in oil exports to France. Poncet said.

UAE oil now accounts for one per cent of French oil imports, which last year amounted

to 104 million tons, the Comite du Petrol said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the price of gasoline went up in France to 2.75 francs a liter, or \$3.04 a gallon, the Comite said.

The Comite also estimated French automobile gas consumption rose 4.3 per cent in 1978 over 1977 to 17.7 million tons.

Ruhr steel industry in 50 years, began Nov. 28, idling 50,000 workers in eight plants. Three days later, employers locked out 30,000 workers in another eight plants.

Volkswagen, the largest German auto manufacturer, said Tuesday it will be forced to halt production in six domestic plants if the Ruhr steel strike continues beyond Jan. 15.

The strike, the first in the

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Dollar gets European shot in arm

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP) — Intervention by government banks rallied the U.S. dollar on European foreign exchanges Wednesday. Gold prices declined.

Grim outlook for world's industry

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP) — World manufacturing output will be slowed to near stagnation at the end of this year by high interest rates and tight fiscal and monetary policies in the United States, a report by the Henley Center for Forecasting Limited said Wednesday.

Texaco plant faces Trinidad inquiry

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Jan. 3 (AP) — The government announced Tuesday that an eight-man commission of inquiry had been named to examine the labor situation at the large Texaco refinery in Trinidad because of dispute over wages at the plant.

Asian Development Bank loans up

MANILA, Jan. 3 (AP) — Twenty-three Asian and Pacific countries have received \$5.25833 billion in loans from the Asian Development Bank in the past 10 years, the bank's headquarters said Wednesday. From 1968, the first year of the bank's lending operations, up to last Dec. 22, the same countries also received \$46.8 million in technical assistance grants, it said.

EAIC said dumping farm goods

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP) — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser says that Western European countries are encouraging high farm production through subsidies and dumping the resulting surpluses abroad.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.30	3.32	3.33
Pound Sterling	6.64	6.75	6.70
Deutsche Mark	1.78	181.00	180.25
Swiss F.	2.05	205.00	202.75
French F.	0.79	79.50	78.85
Italian Lira (100)	—	4.10	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	111.00	111.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	85.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.75
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.15
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.75	8.68
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	46.00	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.30
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Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	86.25
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Japanese yen (100)	1.67	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.78	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.13	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.64	—	—
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OAPEC bulletin says Mexico oil could be competition in short run

KUWAIT, Jan. 3 (R) — The Kuwait-based Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said Wednesday that, although new oil sources in Mexico would serve the interests of oil exporting nations in the long-run, they could in the short-run compete with OPEC crude in world markets.

In its monthly bulletin, OAPEC said Mexico will sooner or later find that its national oil interests are consistent with those of OPEC and not in competition with them, it added.

The bulletin said Mexico's own interests required it should sell its oil at the OPEC price level, "especially since an ultimate shortfall in supplies would develop within a decade."

But "Mexico will sooner or

later find that its national oil interests are consistent with those of OPEC and not in competition with them," it added.

The bulletin said in terms of one world, any addition to world oil reserves would extend their life before ultimate depletion. This, coupled with conservation, would extend the breathing space required to develop non-conventional oil substitutes."

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Record six million**S.Africa's gold coin sales boom**

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 3 (AP) — The South African-made Krugerrand, the world's number one gold bullion coin, hit a record six million sales during 1978, the International Gold Corp. (Intergold) said.

"1978 has been a wonderful year for gold generally," said Intergold manager, Don Mackay-Coghill, "and Krugerrand sales are to a major extent a function of the performance of the gold bullion price."

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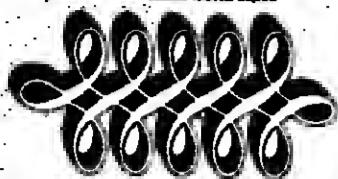
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Addressograph		21%	21%	Floor	33%	33%	Floor	33%	33	Floor	33%	33	Akio (FL20)	169	171	115.0	114.5	Akio (FL20)	169	171
Air Products & Cos.		30%	30%	F.M.C.	23%	23%	F.M.C.	23%	23	F.M.C.	23%	23	Algon Bank (FL100)	369.5	369.5	115.0	114.5	Algon Bank (FL100)	369.5	369.5
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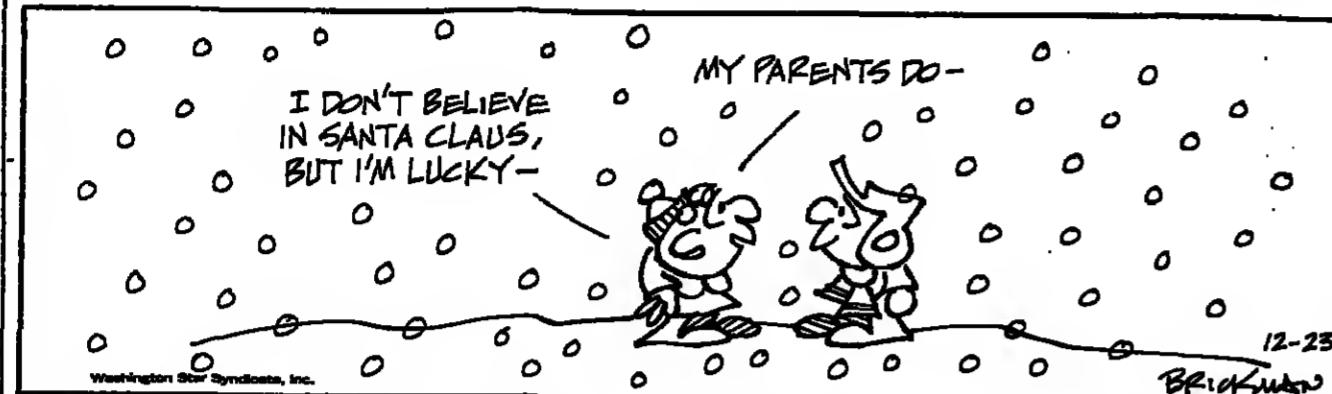
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22 Stable mate

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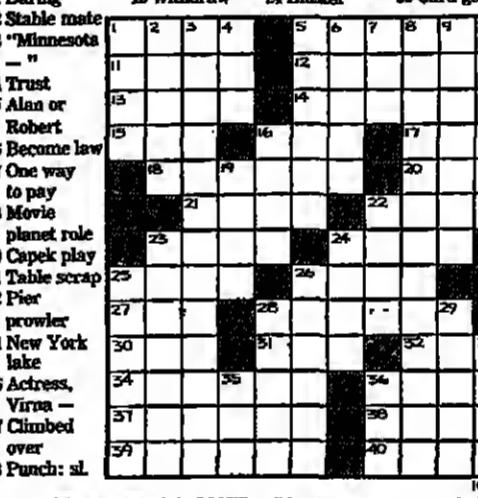
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Yesterday's Answer
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world" 26 Military
7 "Subways" 27 Vatican
— for display
"Sleeping" 28 Prototype
27 Summer: Fr. 29 Painter's
18 Section 30 Arizona
of N.Y.C. 31 Painters
20 Unit of light 32 Exhaust
energy 33 Play
21 Daring 34 Bluster
22 Stable mate 35 Card game



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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Obviously, it is too early to throw to the towel, and the recommended action is to double again. However, two spades is also acceptable.

3. Three clubs. You have the proper high-card values for two notrump, but the wrong distribution. The unbalanced nature of your hand is best suggested by bidding three clubs, which also has the merit of indicating values clearly above a minimum opening bid.

4. Five clubs. Three clubs is a preemptive bid primarily aimed at the opponents. At the same time, it suggests the high-card values generally associated with an opening bid of one in a suit, and it therefore cannot consist of as much as, say, seven clubs to the A-K and a ace.

The most the opener can have is a good club suit and a reasonable value of some kind. A small difference on the distribution of five clubs is clearly indicated, since game must surely be reached, and any other contract could prove to be highly hazardous.

5. Four clubs. The jump to four clubs suggests 15 or 16 high-card points, good trump support and probably an unbalanced distribution. It is a good bid with great advantage of leaving room for either Blackwood or a cash bid if partner is interested in a slam.

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

THURSDAY						
Fajr	Ishaq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha	
Mecca 5:39	7:04	12:31	3:37	5:54	7:24	
Medina 5:46	7:11	12:33	3:34	5:50	7:20	
Nejd 5:11	6:40	11:59	3:00	5:16	6:46	

DAHHRAN TV

3:00 Tennis	US Open 9/2/78 Part 1 & 2
4:54 Three Stooges	A Little Past Noon
5:02 Wild World Of Animals	Beneath The Southern Waters
5:24 Adventure Calls	Antique Airplanes
5:46 Adam-12	Foothill Division
6:10 Music Time	Show No. 8
6:35 Mary Tyler Moore	Lou Date: Mary
7:10 Starsky & Hutch	Las Vegas Strangler, Pt. 1
7:55 M.A.S.H.	Fade Out: Fade In, Pt. 2
8:20 Barney Miller	The Ghost
8:45 Command Performance	The Chairman

WEATHER

Temperatures will drop in the northwestern part of the Kingdom. Westerly winds raising sandstorms in the same area, while thick clouds will cover the skies and parts of the western and central provinces breaking into occasional rain and thunderstorms.
The weather will remain moderate in the rest of the Kingdom with surface winds blowing southerly at moderate speed.
Sea conditions in territorial waters will be moderate in the Gulf and choppy in the Red Sea.
Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca 32	21	Hail 22	05
Jeddah 32	20	Tabuk 26	05
Riyadh 23	14	Turail 21	04
Dhahran 26	11	Rafha	07
Medina 25	15	Yambu 29	17
Taff 21	07	Abha 19	06

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Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
1:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
1:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The 'Holy' Quran
1:04 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
1:05 G.A. — A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
1:10 S.A. Historical Notes	10:15 NEWS
1:12 Off the Record	10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
1:15 Your Choice	10:30 Music Worldwide
1:20 Islam the Divine Truth	11:00 Champions of Solidarity
1:25 Music	11:10 Press Review
1:30 NEWS	11:15 The Sixties
1:35 Press Review	11:45 The World of Guitar
1:45 Music	12:00 Islamic Contributions
1:50 My Music	12:15 The Songwriters
1:55 My Music	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
2:00 Close Down	12:59 Close Down

VOA

F.M.	News Roundup:
9:00	Reports: Actualities; Opinion; Analyses
9:30	News Summary
10:00	Special English: News (Jazz)
10:30	VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight	voices... correspondents' reports... background features... media comments... news analyses

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:05 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary:	6:00 Radio Newsreel
8:30 "Sarah Ward	6:15 "Outlook"
8:45 World Today	7:00 World News
9:00 Newsreel	7:09 Commentary
9:30 "	

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Pakistan Passport No. AE 742105 issued at Lyallpur on 3-5-76. with Iqama No. 72751. to Mr. Mohammad Ashraf has been lost. Finder please deliver it to Pakistan Embassy — Jeddah.

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Tanzania Passport No. 63004 issued at Mbeya in 1976 with Iqama No. 4631 to Mr. Abdulla Salim Hyejor has been lost. Finder please deliver it to Al-Ahgaaf Contact: Phone 25761 or 21289 — Jeddah.

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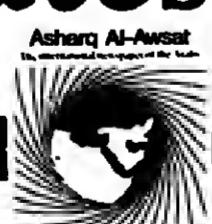
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Cut down outside his home

Madrid military chief assassinated

MADRID, Jan. 3 (Agencies)—Gunned down outside his home Wednesday in the sharp provocation of Spain's armed forces since the death of Gen. Franco three years ago.

Maj.-Gen. Constantino Ortiz Gil, 63, the man in charge of all troops stationed in the capital, was shot down by three bullets fired by two young men standing outside his central Madrid residence.

He was rushed to a nearby

hospital hut died before surgeons had a chance to operate. The fatal shot hit him in the forehead, according to a hospital statement.

Security forces in the Madrid area were immediately placed on general alert and a special watch was mounted on all road exits from the capital. The alert also went out to Madrid railway stations and the international airport.

Gen. Ortiz Gil, a married man, was the most prominent military man to be killed by

guerrillas since the assassination in 1973 of Gen. Franco's prime minister, Admiral Luis Carrera Blanco.

The Basque separatist organization ETA claimed responsibility for the killing of Admiral Carrera Blanco, whose car was blown up by a bomb placed under a Madrid street.

ETA has also said it was responsible for the killing of five other military men in the past six months, including Maj. Jose Maria Herrera, the adjutant of the Guipuzcoa military governor shot dead in San Sebastian Tuesday.

Nobody claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack, though observers said it bore all the hallmarks of an ETA operation.

Four young men wearing anoraks were involved according to police. Two kept watch outside the governor's home, which is on a busy street running alongside Madrid's central Retiro Park. Another was in a cafe across the road and the fourth stood by a getaway car, police said.

The two men standing outside the governor's residence opened fire as soon as he climbed out of the car.

satisfactory and that further observation and treatment in the hospital were no longer necessary. The doctors said he was suffering from a slight constriction of the blood vessels.

The military said Wednesday that Hess' condition was

Muslim League to meet in Dakar

MECCA, Jan. 3 (SPA)—A Muslim World League delegation will discuss in Dakar next Monday the establishment of a local council to implement the resolutions of the Africa Coordination Council.

Other topics to be discussed include Islamic propagation, the need for teachers and school supplies and the league's financial assistance to Islamic cultural centers in Africa.

The delegates include Dr. Abdul Sabour Marzouq, the league's managing director, Mustafa Sese, Senegalese ambassador in Cairo and secretary to the coordination council, the ambassador of Niger and Mali's former ambassador to the Kingdom.

Merchants warned about subletting

MECCA, Jan. 3 (SPA)—The Mecca Governorate warned shopkeepers Wednesday against subletting their premises to foreigners. The governorate said violators will be heavily penalized and the foreigners in question would be expelled.

Niger president here for Umrah

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 (SPA)—The President of Niger, Lt.-Col. Sene Kountche arrived here Wednesday to perform the Umrah (minor pilgrimage) and visit the Holy Prophet's Mosque. Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz met him at the airport.

Water meet urges tight controls

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA)—The Second Regional Conference on Water organized by the Economic Commission for West Asia recommended Wednesday that water use should be carefully regulated.

It also called for carefully constructed national water policies.

The conference recommended that a five-member committee be set up to study the possibility of establishing a regional council on water resources.

The committee members are Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Syria, and Lebanon.

Ahsa to hold biology conference

DAMMAM, Jan. 3 (SPA)—King Faisal University of Ahsa will hold its third annual conference on biology from Jan. 24 to 26, it was announced here Wednesday.

The conference, to be organized by the university's College of Agriculture and Food and the Saudi Biological Society, will discuss papers on agriculture, oceanography and pollution.

Prince Sultan leaves for Asir tour

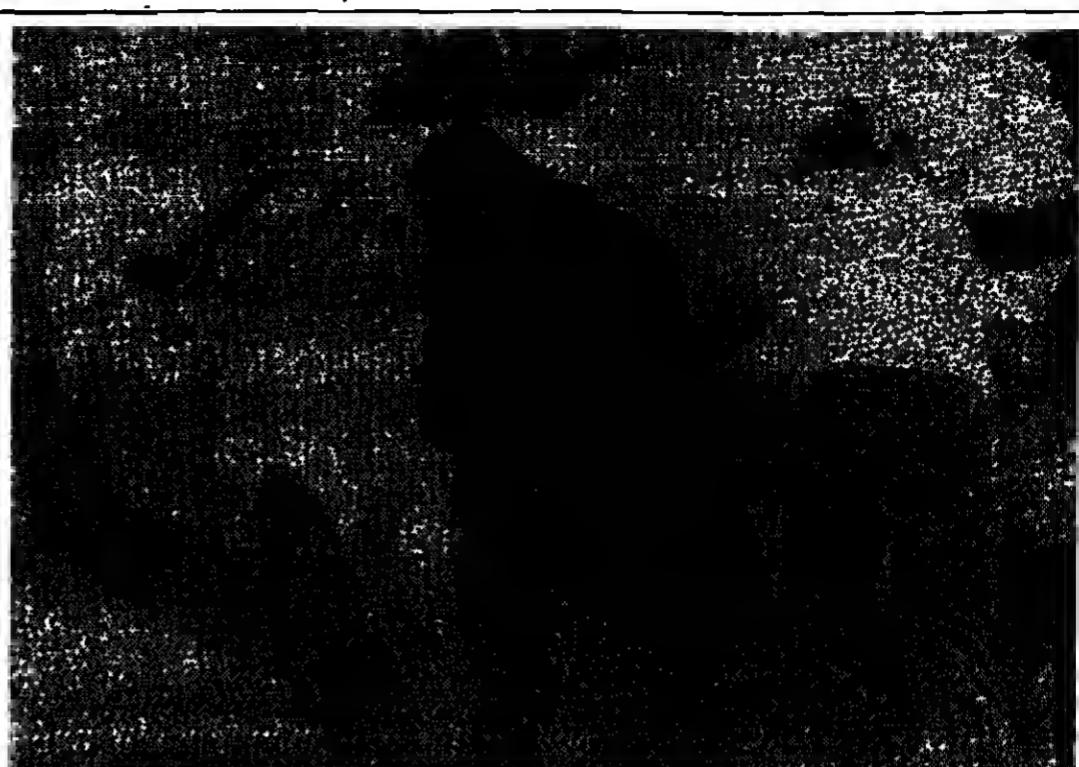
RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA)—Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan flew to Asir Wednesday evening for an inspection tour of the area. He was seen off at the airport by Chief of Staff Gen. Othman Al-Humaid and other senior officers.

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WEST GERMANY: One casualty of the snow that has swept northern Europe over the past few days.

Italy, Greece, Turkey hit

European storms sweep south

LONDON, Jan. 3 (UPI)—Europe's worst storm of the winter swept south Wednesday to Italy, Greece and Turkey.

But a new onslaught of snow and freezing temperatures was forecast for some northern regions still struggling to dig out from the last blizzard.

A total of 71 persons have died in Eastern and Western

Europe since Friday as a result of the freezing temperatures and snow.

In France, many of the dead were elderly beggars found frozen over drain grills and under bridges. In Sweden, a woman hospital patient died of cold during an early morning stroll and in Belgium two children suffocated while huddled around a bathroom gas

stove.

Four people were killed in an avalanche in Switzerland and three men died in London after they fell through the thin ice on a pond after leaving a local cafe.

In Italy, temperatures fell to their lowest since 1968. Snow

isolated villages in northern

Greece and weather conditions in Istanbul closed airports and restricted traffic on the Bosphorus Bridge linking Europe and Asia.

Greek maritime officials said strong winds in the Ionian and Aegean halted ferry services between Greek islands and the mainland. Ships have been forced to remain in the port of Istanbul because of the sudden weather changes.

U.S. government steps up price rise policing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (UPI)—The U.S. government stepped up its policing of businesses Wednesday to make sure they comply with President Carter's anti-inflation program.

The Council on Wage and Price Stability said it will ask more than 1,000 companies to disclose details of their corporate structure. That information could be used later if

the council thinks a firm is violating the wage-price standards.

Previously, the council had been monitoring price and wage increases by only the nation's 500 largest businesses.

Barry Bosworth, council director, said his agency may start publishing a list of companies that violate the standards after March 31.

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ture efforts with the aim of reaching a peace treaty with Israel on the basis of the above-mentioned principles which ensure that peace will be comprehensive, just and durable," the cabinet declared.

Khalil read out the statement to reporters, and then said he would be sending a letter, expounding the Egyptian view.

Bakhtiar

for Bakhtiar to form a new civilian government could do.

In Paris, meanwhile, Khomeini said that any cabinet formed with the approval of the Shah must be considered illegal.

Khomeini called on the Iranians to carry on the general strike in a bid to topple the Shah and launch a civil disobedience movement.

A spokesman for Khomeini said the exiled leader has made no direct comment about the meeting.

In Tel Aviv the Israeli army spokesman had no comment on the overflights.

"We don't confirm or deny that. We don't know anything about it," the spokesman said.

The army also had no comment on reports that Israeli gunboats cruised along the southern Lebanese coast on Wednesday.

In a separate development, southern villagers Wednesday claimed that they paid a ransom to prevent Israeli-backed right-wing militias from shelling the border village of Tiblune over the New Year's holiday.

They said the money was paid to the region's militia boss, renegade Lebanese army Major Saad Haddad.

point to Vance.

"I will leave it up to him to decide the method of re-establishing contact," Khalil said.

Asked if the "efforts" mentioned in the cabinet statement include face-to-face negotiations, Khalil said: "Yes, they include negotiations at a later stage."

Bakhtiar suggested that

for Bakhtiar to form a new civilian cabinet.

The spokesman said, however, Bakhtiar's nomination appeared to be a mere "maneuver." In his message, Khomeini merely stressed that "any government coming from him (the Shah) is illegal."

In another development, the U.S. embassy in Moscow formally complained to the Soviet Foreign Ministry about Soviet media treatment of American foreign policy toward Iran.

Meeting

No comment on the charges was immediately available from Haddad's office.

"Saad Haddad started shelling the hills near Tiblune a week or so before the New Year and when villagers complained... they were told he needed money to pay his men and would stop the barrage if the village came up with some cash," one villager said.

Preparations would chair the preparatory commission in order to keep a firm hold on the political process of choosing a new leader.

Informed sources predicted of a string of national meetings of "mass organizations" before the party congress will take place this weekend with the convening of a youth union congress.

Peace

before fullscale negotiations could be resumed, another visit to the Middle East by Vance was a possibility. Another possibility, he said, was a meeting between him and Vance or between both of them and Dayan.

"We have not been informed of the Israeli decision yet by the Americans," he said.

The proposed letter would spell out arrangements for the establishment of Palestinian autonomy. But the Israeli decision was coupled with a rejection of the Egyptian call for a timetable.

He said a recent Israeli decision, declaring readiness to a timetable.

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**Haig resigning
NATO command**

CASTEAU, Belgium, Jan. 3 (R)—U.S. Gen. Alexander Haig, NATO supreme commander in Europe, announced Wednesday he would resign June 30.

Haig, who has been rumored a possible Republican presidential candidate, said he had no plans at present to go into politics.

Haig, who commands NATO forces from Norway to Turkey, took over from Gen. Andrew Goodpaster in late 1974.

The 54-year-old general's meteoric career began when, as a comparatively unknown colonel, he went to Washington in 1969 as a White House aide to Nixon.

Nixon and nearly all his aides fell from power in the wake of the Watergate scandal. But Haig survived and forged ahead with his career.

Praised for his intelligence, limitless energy, patience, tact and unwavering devotion to duty he was appointed to the rank of full general and army deputy chief of staff in 1972, ahead of many more senior generals.

Nine months later, he was chief of staff of the White House, and in the final stages of the Nixon presidency he was described by one official as almost an acting president.

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